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Subject: RE: Hot Topics / Regional relations. Please answer this question on the June meeting?
Date: Wednesday, July 27, 2016 5:33:14 PM

Here you go.

Why where these meetings beneficial? What outcome?

The meeting was beneficial as it will ensure that future emergency responses within Texas are well coordinated and that both agencies recognize the roles and responsibilities of each other and how to best augment one another. Recent responses highlight notable improvement in coordination and collaboration among our agencies.

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Building TCEQ Regional Relations

The Region 6 response program met with all of the TCEQ Regional Directors in Austin, TX, in June 2016, to discuss the different agencies authorities and responsibilities, outline EPA's response criteria, emphasize the unified approach to responding and the put faces to names. Both agencies believed this meeting was beneficial and worthwhile. **Why where these meetings beneficial? What outcome?**

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Subject: Hot Topics / Added CES and CRI

Ron's Travel to Austin the week of August 1, 2016.

San Jacinto Waste Pits

The EPA has been working closely with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality as we work towards completion of the Remedial Investigation for the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site. The two agencies have had regular, frequent discussions regarding the planning, conduct, and outcomes of the investigations. TCEQ has provided review and comment on draft submittals from the Potentially Responsible Parties to ensure that the work accomplishes its goals; and TCEQ has also assisted the EPA by providing field oversight, on occasion, of investigation work being conducted by the PRPs. This partnership will greatly facilitate the achievement of a successful remedial action for the Site.

USOR Remedial Investigation Coordination

- EPA was successful in negotiating a Scope of Work for the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study with the Potentially Responsible Party Group with continuous discussion and input from the TCEQ. This coordination with TCEQ resulted in EPA and the PRPs signing the Administrative Order on Consent on May 14, 2015.
- EPA Remedial Project Manager continues to coordinate with the Project Manager in the oversight of the Remedial Investigation conducted by the PRPs at the US Oil Recovery Site (400 N. Richey Property)
- TCEQ is assisting in remedial investigation field oversight activities.
- EPA continues to coordinate with the Lead Administrative Trustee (TCEQ) regarding natural trustee issues

Remedy Optimization in Region 6

- Since 2013, Region 6 and TCEQ has worked with our National Superfund optimization team to review and improve the remedy performance and design at 8 sites in Texas.
- Optimization recommendations have provided a path forward for targeted remedial action projects and for reduced project costs at operating treatment systems.
- Region 6 is working with TCEQ to target the next round of optimization studies at Superfund sites in Texas.

East 67th Street Ground Water Plume Site

- Region 6 and TCEQ have worked together to complete two cleanup projects in 2015 that focused on preventing exposure to contaminated ground water through private water supply wells, and preventing further spread of the ground water contamination. Further reduction of the ground water contamination and the source area will be performed through a third cleanup project beginning in 2016 and a fourth project planned to start in 2017.

Sandy Beach Ground Water Plume Site

- Region 6 and TCEQ have worked together to complete two cleanup projects in 2015 and one project in 2016 that focused on preventing exposure to contaminated ground water through private water supply wells, and treating the high concentration source area. Further reduction of the ground water contamination will be performed through a fourth cleanup project planned to start in 2017.

Hurricane Planning and Coordination

- Region 6 met with TCEQ, Texas General Land Office, Texas Railroad Commission, and the US Coast Guard in May 2016. In this meeting each agency described its hurricane response plans and how we can create a

common operating picture for a disaster response. These meetings are extremely beneficial because it not only ensures we have similar processes in place, but more importantly, it strengthens relations between the agencies and responders before we are in the heat of a response.

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CES Environmental Services, Houston

CES Environmental Services, Inc. Site (Site) is a former chemical recycling/waste management facility located approximately seven miles from downtown Houston, Harris County, Texas. The site is located in an environmental justice area consisting primarily of residential, educational and commercial establishments. The site was abandoned in 2010 due to Chapter 7 bankruptcy. The abandoned chemical facility experienced two spills associated with vandalism. The TCEQ requested EPA assistance to address the chemical facility as the Bankruptcy Trustee did not have the sufficient resources to properly secure, clean up, and dispose of the leaking and deteriorating chemical containers. EPA initiated a removal assessment and subsequently mobilized assets to initiate necessary clean up actions. The EPA clean up action lasted until June 10, 2015. During the course of the response, the EPA coordinated with residents by public meetings, fact sheets, site updates, media interviews, and personal interactions with the local community, local colleges, local and federal politicians, non-governmental organizations including the Texas Organizing Project, Texas Low Income Housing Information Service, and Air Alliance Houston. Close coordination with TCEQ resulted in EPA removing waste from 11 vacuum boxes, 1 roll-off box, 43 ASTs, 167 drums, totes, and miscellaneous containers, 9 frac tanks, 1 subsurface oil/water separator, 19 sumps, 2 trench drain areas, contaminated soils, spill areas, and contaminated pooled water areas. The volume of these combined wastes disposed of by EPA was approximately: 541,719 gallons, 206,705 pounds, and 400 cubic yards. The PRPs have formed the CES Griggs Road PRP Group and is currently investigating and will be addressing the remaining environmental issues related to the site through the TCEQ Voluntary Cleanup Program.

Chemical Recycling Inc, Wylie, Texas

The Chemical Recycling, Inc., site (CRI) includes a former reclamation facility of approximately five (5) acres that received spent halogenated and non-halogenated solvents for recycling. It generated still bottoms as a byproduct of its reclamation process and used the still bottoms to construct experimental roads on site. EPA worked with TCEQ and the City of Wylie for the past year to promote and facilitate a beneficial and appropriate site reuse. Near the conclusion of the cleanup, the City of Wylie requested that EPA develop a Superfund Ready for Reuse Determination (RfR) for the site which states that the site is ready for industrial or commercial reuse. The site reuse event held June 2nd and the signatories were Ron Curry and the Mayor of Wylie. Congressman Sessions expressed his appreciation for the Agency's involved in the cleanup